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SUBJ: DIA TERRORISM WARNING REPORT 83-1 FOR US FORCES LOCATED IN HONDURAS (U)

1. (S) DIA ASSESSES AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON TERRORIST CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS AGAINST US FORCES LOCATED IN HONDURAS AS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO WARRANT HEIGHTENED COMMAND ATTENTION AND SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

2. (S) SUMMARY: SINCE 30 NOVEMBER 1983, VARIOUS SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE WHICH INDICATE AN INCREASING POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK AGAINST US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN HONDURAS DURING THE LATTER HALF OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

3. (S/NF/WW) DESCRIPTION:

A. (S/NF/WW) REPORTING: INFORMATION FROM USDAD HONDURAS AND COMJTF-11 SINCE LATE NOVEMBER HAS POINTED OUT SEVERAL INDICATORS OF INCREASED INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITIES OF US FORCES. AS AN

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EXAMPLE, AN UNKNOWN GROUP WAS REPORTED TO BE COMPILING A LIST OF NORTH AMERICANS IN THE SAN PEDRO SULA AREA FOR FUTURE TARGETING. IN ANOTHER EXAMPLE, THE PROPRIETOR OF A BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A FRONT FOR NICARAGUAN INTELLIGENCE IN A SAN PEDRO SULA AREA RECENTLY IS REPORTED TO HAVE QUESTIONED PERSONNEL REGARDING THE US INTELLIGENCE AFFILIATIONS OF TWO US COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS PERSONNEL IN THE CITY. ROUTE RECONNAISSANCES HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN PROGRESSO, TELA, LA CEIBA TO PUERTO CASTILLA REPORTEDLY BY MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP, LORENZO ZELAYA.

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(IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS REPORT REFERS TO ACTS BY HONDURAN GROUPS ACTING ALONE OR IN CONCERT WITH ELEMENTS FROM OUTSIDE HONDURAS. VARIATIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE APPARENTLY CIRCULATING IN HUMINT AND OTHER CHANNELS.)

5. (S/NF/AN) CONCERNS: ALL REPORTS ARE NON-SPECIFIC AS TO PRECISE TIMING, LOCATION, METHODS, OR IDENTITY OF THE ATTACKERS. WHILE WE CANNOT SPECIFICALLY CONFIRM THIS THREAT INFORMATION, THERE IS, NONETHELESS, A COMMON THEME EVIDENCED IN ALL OF THEM OF STRIKING AT THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN HONDURAS. IN THAT REGARD WE ALSO NOTE THAT WHILE AT LEAST TWO GROUPS OF HONDURAS' ARMED LEFT (CINCHONEROS AND LORENZO ZELAYA) HAVE DEMONSTRATED A CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS, THEIR MOST EFFECTIVE ACTIONS HAVE TRADITIONALLY HAD A FOREIGN (USUALLY SALVADORAN) CADRE ATTACHED TO THE HONDURAN GROUP. IN LIGHT OF THE PAST INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN TERRORIST GROUPS AND PREVIOUSLY-CITED ROUTE RECONNAISSANCES, A POSSIBLE SCENARIO MAY BE IN THE MAKING THAT LEADS ITSELF TO A CAR BOMB ATTACK.

4. (S/NF) IMPLICATIONS: IN OUR VIEW, US FORCES IN HONDURAS FACE A HEIGHTENED THREAT. THE HONDURAS LEFT PROBABLY FEELS PRESSURE (EITHER INTERNAL OR FOREIGN) TO PERFORM SOME "OFFENSIVE ACTION" AGAINST THE US: (1) BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING BIG PINE II OPERATION ON HONDURAN SOIL, (2) THE NEED TO REGAIN THE INITIATIVE AFTER THE DISASTEROUS FAILURE TO LAUNCH A TRADITIONAL RURAL-BASED INSURGENCY, (3) TO CREATE A MAJOR DIVERSION WITHIN HONDURAS ON BEHALF OF SALVADOR'S FMLN OR THE SANDINISTAS, (4) THE DESIRE TO STRIKE AGAINST THE US AS A RESULT OF GRENADA. IN VIEW OF ALL OF THESE FACTORS, WE BELIEVE US FORCES IN HONDURAS SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION AND MAINTAIN INCREASED SECURITY AWARENESS FROM NOW THROUGH THE EARLY JANUARY TIMEFRAME.

5. (U) FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES: REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY RETURN MESSAGE TO DIA.

6. (U) PREPARED BY: NMIC (OS-1) TERRORISM DESK OFFICER, KY-372881.

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